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For: POLYOLEFIN ARTICLE AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer:

Please add new claims 13-24 as follows:

--13. (NEW) A method for manufacture of a polyolefin article characterized as including the steps of:

covering an oriented polyolefin material having a value of not exceeding 5×10^{-5} ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) for average coefficient of linear expansion in the 20 - 80 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ range with a layer of polyolefin having a melting point lower than that of said oriented polyolefin material;

subsequent to the covering with the polyolefin layer, effecting joining of the oriented polyolefin material by the application of pressure and heat at a temperature